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Constitution
of
The Centreville Literary Society,

Section 1. ——

Article 1 – Name. –

This association shall be called the Centreville Literary Club.

Article 2d – Object. ——

Our object is mutual improvement, and social enjoyment.

Section 2d – ——

Article 1 – Officers –

The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform the duties of a Treasurer.

Article 2d President

The President shall call meetings to order, preside over said meetings, and make

all needed appointments—

Article 3d. Elections—

Officers shall be elected for a term of six months, at the first meeting in July, and the first meeting in January. Nominations must be made at the previous meeting. All voting for officers must be done by written ballot.

Section 3d.

Article 1. — New Members. —

After the first regular meeting all names of new members must be proposed, and voted upon by the Club. Two negative votes shall reject.

Article 2d — Dues

Every member shall on entering pay the sum of 25 cents into the treasury. The gentlemen shall pay 25¢ monthly thereafter, and the ladies ten cents.

Article 3d Fines

Any member neglecting his or her duty on committee for when specially appointed ~~by the President~~

to entertain the Club, shall be subject to a fine of ~~xxx~~ fifty cents for said neglect, at the discretion of the Resident.

Section 4th

Article 1. – Committees

The standing Committees of this Club shall consist of Music, Entertainment & Ways and Means, each having three members, and to be appointed by the President

Article 2d – Other Appointments

The President shall have the right, at each meeting, to appoint Critic, Poet, Speaker, Essayist, Reader, and Debaters to entertain the Club at its next meeting.

Section 5 – Amendment.

This Constitution may be changed by a two thirds vote of those present – Provided That one months notice of intention be given. ———

By Laws.

Article 1. Time of meeting.

This Club shall hold monthly meetings on the third Saturday in each month.

Article 2d. Hours.

This Club shall meet at 7½ P.M. in Summer, and 7 P.M. in Winter. At least half an hour shall be allowed for conversation. Meetings shall never be prolonged later than ten without a special vote in favor thereof.

Article 3d Changes.

New bylaws may be added, or these changed or annulled, by a two thirds vote, without previous notice. Provided that no by-law shall interfere with any part of the Constitution.

Article 4th Editor.—

An Editor shall be elected monthly by the society.

Amendments to Constitution

Amendments to By-laws

Names of Members, signing the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws.

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Mrs W. A. Yates	.25	C. W. Riser	.25
Delia Bfilton	.25	O. J. Lynch	.25
Emma Hilton	.25	W. F. B. Lynch	.25
Mabel Riser	.25	Chas. H. Shinn	.25
Mrs C. H. Allen	.25	Chas. H. Allen	.25
Gertrude A. Crane	.25	Harry W. Lynch	.25
Louise Cearley	.25	Frank Riser	.25
Marcia Crane	.25	Wm M. L. Murray	.25
Emma Cearley	.25	W. A. Yates	.25
Dora Overacker	.25	Cyrus H. Allen	.25
Fannie McClure	.25	John L. Beard	.25
Alvena Meyer	.25	W. F. Lynch	.25
Lussie E. Farley	.25	[illegible]	.25
Grace McClure	.25	John A. Bunting	.25
Sophie Harmon	.25		
Flida Overacker	.25		

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Kittie Harmon	.25	E. M. Hawley	.25
Grace Winton	.25	C. F. Cooper	.25
Mary Brown	.25	P. A. Ziegenfuss	.25
Clara McLinsky	25	T. C. Huxley	
Jennie M. Otis	25	C. W. Otis	25

Dr.

Oct. 6.	Six Copies of "Checkmate"	@	1.50
" 17.	Two Copies "Pon Piccadilly"		.80
Nov 16.	Music for Party		27.00
" "	Hall.		4.00
" "	Coffee.		1.30
" "	Washing dishes.		1.00.

Minutes — First Meeting.

The Centreville Literary Club met at the house of W. F. B. Lynch, on Tuesday evening July 3. 1877 & proceeded to organize temporarily by electing Chas. H. Shinn Chairman and C. J. Lynch Secretary. The chairman then read a Constitution & By-Laws which had been prepared for the society. The Constitution was thereupon adopted as a whole, & by request the By-Laws were read separately.

It was moved that the society meet hereafter on the Saturday evening preceding the full moon. Carried. After the adoption of the Constitution & By-Laws the Club proceeded to the election of permanent officers. Nominations were made for President for the ensuing

Six months- C. H. Shinn & W. F. Bynd were put in nomination and the Club proceeded to ballot; whereupon C. H. Shinn was duly elected.

Nominations for Vice President were then made as follows. Miss ~~Gertrude~~ Grant & Miss Adelia Hilton. Miss Gertrude Grant was declared elected.

Nominations for secretary were made as follows. Mrs C. H. Allen & A. J. Lynch. On ballot Mrs C. H. Allen was duly elected. The Club then proceeded to elect an Editor for one month. Emma Hilton Louise Cearley & C. H. Shinn were nominated. Louise Cearley & C. H. Shinn withdrew their names from nomination whereupon Miss Emma Hilton was unanimously elected.

On motion the Club adjourned to meet saturday July 20th 1877 at 7½ O'clock Mrs C. H. Allen Secretary

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Second Meeting.

Met according to adjournment—President in the Chair. Minutes read & approved. Constitution read & commented upon. It was moved & seconded (we hold our meetings every two weeks carried. and appointments made a month in advance. carried

Moved & carried. that the President be appointed to prepare an order of business for the next two meetings. After music. Reading Decclamation & reading of paper. The following appointments were made

1st Meeting

Reader Miss Mabel Riser
Declaimer Chas. Allen
Essay Miss E Hilts
Reader Chas. Shinn
Critic Mr Murray
Three pieces of music

2nd Meeting

Reader Harry Lynch

Decclaimer Chas Riser

Essay Miss Gertrude Crane

Poem Mr W. F. B. Lynch

Critic Mrs Clough

It was moved 11th Some Author be chosen from whome to select quotations & that ten minutes be devoted to that exercise by different members of the club. Carried.

Longfellow was chosen by vote

Adjourned to meet Saturday Aug 4th at 7½ Oclock

Proceeds of the evening $4,25.

Mrs C H Allen

Secretary

Third Meeting.

Met according to adjournment. President presiding. Minutes read & approved. After the reading of the order of business, the following program was carried out.

Song. "Carry me back to Tennessee by the Misses Crane Oscar Lynch & Chas Allen Reading. by Miss Riser The Engineers story.

Decclamation. "The Triumphs of order by Chas Allen. Song. Waiting for you Jock Mrs Myra Allen Poem entitled Patience by Chas Shinn. Our President gave us a short sketch of the life of Longfellow, & Mr Yates read two selections of his poems

After a short recess the following new appointments were made

Reader Miss Fannie McClure

Recitation Miss Baker

Essay Miss Marcia Crane

Adjourned to meet Aug 25th at 7½ O'clock

Receipt of the evening fifty cts Miss C & Allen Sec

Fourth Meeting.

Met according to adjournment, President in the chair. It was moved and seconded that the President appoint a committee to wait upon the Masons and if possible obtain the Granger's Hall. The following persons were appointed to act as such, Miss Fleda Overacker, Dr Allen, Mr. W. Yates. As the President more than an hour late the exercises were immediately entered upon.

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Reading, The Story of the School, Harry Lynch.
Paper, The Echo, Miss Crane.
Song, Eileen Alanna, Charles Allen,
Poem, A Singing Lesson, W. F. B. Lynch.
Song, Tell me, where do fairies dwell? The Misses Harmon, McClure & Crane.

Adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Lynch Sept. 8th.

Receipts of the evening $2.00

Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Allen.

Fifth Meeting.

The Literary Club met according to adjournment of previous meeting, on the evening of Sep. 8.
As the Secretary was away, to be absent some time, E. H. Hilton was elected to fill the vacancy.
The entertainment of the evening then commenced with the Song, Moonlight & Starlight, by the Misses Crane & Harmon, and Charles Allen. This was followed by the Dec. Battle of Waterloo, Frank Riser, Essay, The Ocean, Miss Martie Crane.
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Emma H. Hilton,
Secretary.

Sixth Meeting.

The Literary Club met according to adjournment of previous meeting on the eve. of Sep. 22d. President, and Secretary absent. The former vacancy was filled by Mr. Lynch and the latter by Miss Gertie Crane. The entertainment commenced with the Song "Independence day" by Miss Overacker, followed by select reading The Immortal, Mr Murry. The "Echo" was then read by Mr Yates. Song Jaunieta Miss Meyers. Reading, Charge of the Light Brigade. This was followed by a discussion on the poet Tennyson. It was then moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to find a suitable place for permanent meetings of the Club. Miss Fleda Overacker, Messrs Murry & Yates were appointed. Appointments were then made for the next meeting. By motion meeting adjourned to meet again in two weeks.

Emma H. Hilton,
Secretary.

Seventh Meeting.

The Literary Society met Oct. 6 according to adjournment at the house of Mr Lynch. ~~The practicability~~ A paper was read by the President concerning a public entertainment which was proposed for the 9th of Nov.

After some discussion the following Com's, were appointed. Com. on Salt, Pepper and Posters E. H. Shinn. Com. on Music John L. Beard & W. Lynch. Com. on Hall W. F. B. Lynch.

The necessity of procuring a permanent place of meeting for the Society was then briefly discussed, E. H. Hilton was appointed to engage the rooms occupied by Mr Hawley. The following programme was then carried out.

Opening Chorus, Darling Little Jessie. G. McClure
Essay. Education, Willie Lynch.
Poem. The Grangers, John L. Beard.
Reading of The Echo, Electa Coiracker.

By motion the meeting adjourned to meet again in two weeks, at the house of Judge Cranes Washington Corners.

E. H. Hilton,
Secretary.

Eighth Meeting.

The Cen. Lit. Club met according to adjournment, at the house of Judge Crane, Washington Corners. President Shinn in the chair, owing to sickness of some of the members and the youth of the Club, he proposed that the Literary Entertainment be indefinitely postponed, and in its place the Club give a party. After some discussion the party was decided upon, to be given on the 16th of Nov. The following invitation Com. was then appointed. Marcia Crane Fleda C. Fannie Mc. Clure, J. L. Beard. After a recess of a few minutes, the programme appointed on the previous evening was carried out.

Essay, Our duty to others, E. H. Hilton,
Dec. C. H. Allen.
Song. The pale Moonlight. Dora. C. Alvina M.
Reading, Lady Clare. Mabel Riser.
" of the Echo, C. H. Shinn,
Song, In the Twilight, G. Mc. Clure, E. H. Hilton,
Instrumental Duett, Caliph of Bagdad, F. Mc. G. Mc. Clure,
By motion the meeting adjourned to meet again in two weeks at the house of Hon. R. A. Mc. Clure Mission San Jose. E. H. Hilton.

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Ninth Meeting.

The Lit. Club met according to adjournment at the house of Hon. R. N. McClure on the evening of Nov 3d. Few members present. The greater part of the evening occupied in making arrangements for the Party of the 16th. of Nov. The President, called upon each member of the Club for the sum of one dollar, to defray expenses of the Party.

We were then entertained by instrumental music from the Misses McClure and the reading of the Echo by the editor J. L. Beard.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again in three weeks at the house of Mr. Howard Doracker in Centreville.

Emma M. Hilton,
Secretary.

Tenth Meeting.

Gen. Literary Club met according to agreement at the house of Mr. Howard Corracker, Gen, Nov 22. The night being unfavorable, there were very few present. The programme proposed on the previous meeting not carried out. The next meeting appointed at the house of Mr. Meyer

E. H. Hilton,
Secretary.

Eleventh Meeting.

The Ken. Literary Club met, according to agreement at the house of Mr. Meyer, at Niles. The meeting was not very large, but very pleasant. After the Treasurer's report was read, the President proposed that each member of the Club read a book, write notes upon it, and pass them in to the Secretary to be read before the Club. The following programme was then carried out.

Song, Ye Merry Birds, Miss Dora Corracker.
Reading of the Echo, Miss Grace McClure.
Selection from Widow Bedott, Miss E. H. Hilton.
Piano duett, by the Misses Crane.
Select Reading, Miss Mattie Crane.
Song, Kathleen, Miss Grace McClure.
Appointments were then read for the next meeting.
Adjourned to meet in two weeks at the house of Mr. Michael Corracker.

Emma H. Hilton,
Secretary.

12th Meeting

The Literary Club met Dec. 2nd 77, at the house of Mr. Michael Overacker. The meeting was well attended, almost all of our old and faithful members being present, and several new faces. We enjoyed ourselves, of course, for who could do otherwise when welcomed by so pleasant a host? The genial and good natured "Mike"; his cheerful lady; and smiling Dora, are enough to make any meeting a success.

Unfortunately the programme as arranged was short, and was made still shorter by the failure of one or two to do their parts — Miss Alvina Meyers read a fine paper, in her usual clear voice and animated style. Harry Lynch gave us, by special request, "John Maynard." When Harry becomes a leading Elocutionist, as he certainly will, we shall remember with pride his youthful successes in the Literary. John L. Beard read an

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Essay. At least he called it that. It was, like a bowl of vegetable soup, a general mixture. Some of it was German, some of it was a series of sly hits at the suffering President. Some of it was a species of Greek; and some of it was simply John Beard — Then there was a Duet & a Song, both good, and received with loud applause —

The Literary then proceeded to business, and tried to nominate officers for the next term, but not succeeding, postponed said nomination until the next meeting. After the usual amount of Chatter, gossip, and tripping of the fantastic, we ~~adjourned~~ parted, to meet in two weeks, at the house of Mrs Clough —

Appointments

Editor — Mr Bunting
Reader J. McCline.
Declaim — C. Allen.
Essay. W. Lynch

Reader Mrs Bunting
Declaim — Harry Lynch —
Poem. President
Critic Mr. Lynch —

— 3 pieces of Music —

13th Meeting.

The Literary Club met according to adjournment at the house of Mrs. Clough's, on the 12th of Jan. 1878 The meeting was well attended there being twentynine members present, owing to the absence of our President who was not able to come on account of the sickness of his sister, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Beard & Miss Gertie Crane acting as Secretary. The plan of the former meeting for electing new officers for the ensuing term was not carried out, and it was decided that we should wait until some future time when our President could be with us to take the lead as none of us are brave enough yet. It was moved that we should have a written debate on some subject chosen by the Club, the move was carried - & the question for debate was, "Which has the greatest influence Woman or Money"?. Mrs. Bunting & Wm. Lynch were appointed debators, following this we had a very interesting entertainment which opened with a Vocal Solo by Grace McClure, a recitation by Charles Allen entitled "The Dying Alchymist" was well rendered, an essay on "Slang" was then read by Wm. Lynch & highly appreciated

by the listeners, a select reading reading by Fannie Mc Clure, The Witches Daughter, was very pretty. a Song by Charlie Allen. Wake up little blossom". declamation by Harry Lynch "Kate Ketchem"- was rendered in a graceful style and enjoyed by all who were present- a song sung by several young ladies- I want to be some body's Darling"- which merited a great deal of praise- The meeting then adjourned to meet again in two weeks at the house of Dr. Allen's-

14th Meeting

The Cen. Lit. Club met according to agreement at the house of Dr Allen, Feb. 9. 78. As the evening was pleasant, the meeting was well attended. After being called to order, the minutes were read and approved, and the following program was carried out.

Reading of the "Paper", by Miss Marchia Crane.

Reading of a poem entitled "Sven Duva," by Dr Allen.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Wm Lynch, the disputation was postponed until the next meeting. During a short recess, a song entitled, When the Flowing Tide Comes In, was rendered in a pleasing manner by Miss Dora Overacker. After the recess the Club proceeded to

the election of officers for the coming term. Nominations were made for President, as follows:- Mr. Shinn, Mr. J. L. Beard, and Mrs Bunting. Mr. Shinn was duly elected.

Nominations for Vice President were then made as follows:- Mr. J. L. Beard, Mrs. Bunting and Miss Myers. Mr Beard was declared elected. The following nominations were then made for Secretary:- Mrs. Bunting, Miss G. Crane, Miss K. Harmon, Miss A. Myers, Miss F. McClure, and Chas Allen. On ballot Chas Allen was duly elected.

The appointments for the coming meeting were:-

Readers.

Miss K. Harmon
Mrs. Dyson.

Essayist.

Mrs. Yates

Declaimer.

Miss Hellen Clough

The Club then adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Cram Washington, on the 23d of Feb 18m/8.

C. H. Allen.

Secretary

15th Meting.

The Cen. Lit. Club met at the house of Mr Crane at Washington on Mch the 9th two weeks later than the regular time owing to the stormy weather. The President & Vice President being absent Mr W.m Lynch acted as President pro tem. Owing to the thoughtfulness of the President the Secretary was spared the pleasure of reading the minutes of the former meting. The literary exercises were opened by the reading of a poem entitled "Mari Jane" by Mrs Tyson. Then followed and instrumental duett by the Misses Cranes. Miss Kittie Hannon then favored us with "Bryant's Thanatopsis" The paper was then read by the editor Mr Harris Lynch. The exercises were ended by a Chorus by the Club. Appointments for the next

meeting, were made as follows.

Essay- Mrs. Sophia Harmon.
Reading- Miss Alvina Meyers
Declamation- Chas. Allen.
Editor- Wm. F. Lynch.
Reading- Miss Farley.
Debate.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Riser Centreville. Mch 29. 78.

C. H. Allen.
Secretary

16th Meting.

The Com. Lit. Club, met at the house of Mr Riser on the 23 of Mch 78. The President and Vice President being absent, Mr. J. Bunting was elected as President "protem". The minutes being read and approved, the program was carried out as far as possible. It consisted in the reading of the paper by Mr H. Lynch, Declamation, by Chas. H. Allen. After some singing, the meting was adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Buntings April 6.

The program for the ~~following~~ coming meting, to be the same as the last, with the addition of a reading by Miss Riser.

Chas. H. Allen.
Secretary.

17th Meeting.

The Cen. Lit. Club met according to agreement at the house of Mr Bunting. President in the chair. Meeting called to order by the Pres. Minutes read and approved. The following program carried out

Song — Miss Myers & Miss Crane
~~Essay~~
Reading — Miss Alvina Meyers.
Declamation — C. H. Allen.
Song — Miss Dora Overacker
Reading — Miss Farley. ex —.
Debate — noul est.
Reading — Miss Riser.
Paper by. H. W. Lynch.

"Chorus."

The following appointments were then made for the coming meet-

—ing.

Music — Committee.
Essay — Miss E. Crane. (absent).
Poem — Miss Bunting.
Reading — Wm. F. Laumaster
Debate — Continued.
Declamation. — Mr. F. Buttan.
Reading — Miss Farley.

The Club then debated about the plan for the coming campaign

The secretary was then ordered to make a statement of the dues of the members of the club.

The meeting was then adjourned, to meet at the house of Mr. R. McClure. Apr 20. '78.

C. H. Allen.
Secretary.

18th Meeting.

The Cen. Lit. Club met according to adjournment, at the house of Mr R. McClure April 20. 78.

Owing to the state of the rodes there were but few of the members present. The President being absent the Vice-President opened the meeting. The minutes being read and approved, the following program was carried out.

Chorus. ——————

Reading — Mr. W. Laumaster.

Song — — Miss G. McClure

Paper — — Mr. J. Beard.

The appointment for the following meeting were then made — namely

Essay —, Miss G. Crane.

Poem — Mrs. Bunting.

Declamation - Mr. F. Beautaw.
Paper - Miss. Myers.
Debate ——————.
Song - Miss. D. Overacker.
" - Miss G. McClure.
The Club then adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Myers. May 11. 78.

Chas. H. Allen.
Secretary.

19th Meeting.

The Gen. Lit. Club met at the house of Mr Myers May 11. 78.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minute being read and approved, the following program was caried out.

Poem – Mrs Bunting.
Chorus – Whippoorwill.
Instrumental duett – by the Misses Cranes.

Debate, the subject ~~of which~~ being, "Resolved that women have more influence than money" resulting in the favor of Mr Wm Lynch on the affermative side.

No appointments were made for the coming meeting with the exception of a debate, the subject ~~which~~ being, "Resolved that music

has greater power and brings more pleasure than Literature

Those appointed on the affirmation side were.

Miss. Myers.
Mrs. F. Bunting.
Chas. H. Allen.
Miss. M. Crane.

Those on the negative.

Miss G. Crane.
Mr Wm. Lynch.
Mr. J. Bunting.
Miss. Flora. Overacker.

The Club then adjourned to meet at the house of Mr M. Overacker, June 1. 78.

Chas. H. Allen
Secretary.

20. Meeting.

The Lew. Lit Club met at the house of Mr. M. Overacker, June 1. 1878. The President being absent, the Vice-President occupied the chair.

The meeting being called to order, the minutes were read and approved.

The program consisted in the reading of the former ~~meetings~~ meetings paper by Miss Alvina Myers.

Owing to the absences of some of the members the debate was indefinately postponed. The program was ended by a song from Miss Ora Overacker.

The appointments for the coming were made as follows.

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Music — by Committee.
Paper — " Dora Overacker.
Toast — Mr Shinn.
Essay — Miss G. McClure.

The Club was then adjourned to met at the house of Mr Crane Washington June 15. 78.

Chas. S. Allen
Secretary.

21st Meeting.

The Gen. Lit. Club met according to adjournment at the house of Mr. Crane. June 15. 78. President presiding. Minutes read and approved.

The program was o-
-pened by a vocal solo called "Baby Mine." by Miss Nora Overacker.

The President spoke to the club about mountains and some of his experiences among them, instead of the poem which he was to have produced. The debate then followed and resulted

After a few remarks by the President, the paper was read by Miss Nora Corracker.

The appointments for the coming meeting were made as follows:

Poem — C. H. Shinn.
Paper — Mrs Bunting.
Essay — Miss Grace McClure.
Declamation — F. L. Lynch.
Reading — Chas. F. Allen.

The Club then adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Bunting on the night of the 29. of June 78.

Chas. F. Allen
Secretary.

22nd Meeting.

The Lem. Lit Club, met according to adjournment at the house of Mr J. Bunting. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7.45 P.M. Owing to the absence of the Secretary the program was uncertain.

Harris Lynch was appointed secretary, pro Tem. The essay of Miss Grace McClure, and also the reading of Chas Allen were postponed until the next meeting. The paper which was characterized by great boldness and wit, was written by Mrs Bunting, of course. Mr Harris Lynch rendered his declamation in a very pleasing manner.

The President suggested that a committee be appointed for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the Society. It was also moved and carried,

that a committee be appointed to examin into the practicability of the library scheme. Those appointed on this committee were Mr. Wm Lynch, Mr. J. Beard, Miss G. Crane, Mrs Bunting, and the President Mr Shinn.

The appointments for the following meeting were made as follows.

Poem - Miss. Martie Crane.
Essay - Miss. Grace McClure.
Paper - by the President.
Two songs by - Committee.
Declamation - Chas Halem.
Reading - Miss Alvina Myers.

The meeting ~~was~~ closed with an instrumental duet, by the Misses and Fannie McClure.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Clough July 13. 1878.

23d Meting.

The Ben Lit Club met according to adjournment, at the house of Mr Clough July 13. 1878.

The meting was opened by the President, at 8:1. P M.

The program was opened by a chorus entitled Ben Boldt. An essay by Miss Grace McClure, entitled, "The Future of the Literary then followed, in which was expressed the opinions of nearly all the members of the club.

Then followed the paper edited by the President, Mr Shinn, Mrs Bunting reading the conclusion of a charming little story. Mr Ramsey then favored us with a song which was listened to with pleasure by all. Chas Allen followed with a declamation. Miss Lavina Myers then favored us

by reading in an excellent manner a short selection of poetry. The President in his goodness and kindness of heart, clears up an old appointment, by reading an original poem intitled, "The Captive," written in his usual able style. The program was closed by a chorus entitled "Fairy Moon Light." After the conclusion of the program, the Club entered upon the transaction of some business matters, as follows. After a short discussion about the library question, dues, &c, it was moved & carried by a majority of 8 to 3, that hereafter, we meet but once ~~as~~ a month. It was also moved and carried by a majority of

4 to 2, that the fine clause be enforced! Another motion to the effect that the library question be discussed and the dues collected that evening, was carried by a ~~vote~~ majority of ten to one.

Apointments.

Song — Chas Allen.
Essay — ~~H~~ H. W. Lynch
Song — Miss Dora Overacker.
Paper — W. F. ~~H~~ Lynch.

The minutes being read and approved, the Club adjourned to meet at the house of Mr R. A. McClure Aug 10 1878.

Chas. F. Allen
Secretary.

4th Meeting

The Evg. Lit. Club met according to adjournment at the house of Mr. R. A. McClure. Aug. 16th 1878. The president, Mr. C. H. Shinn presided at the meeting. The programme was arranged and carried out as follows; a vocal solo by Chas. Allen, which was well sung, and highly appreciated by all. An essay by H. W. Lynch on the subject of the "Progress of Civilization", the subject was handled with great skill and showed that the young writer was well acquainted with both "Ancient and Modern History". A vocal solo by Miss Overacker, which was sung, as that young always does in a most delightful manner. Instrumental music by Miss T. McClure, which of course was good, and then the paper was read by Mr W. F. Lynch. The paper was an excellent one and contained several very fine articles. After a short intermission the club proceeded to nominate officers for the ensuing six months.

Nominations for President were as follows

Mr Jno Lynch, Mr W. F. Saumeister and Mr C. Allen.

For Vice President. Misses M. Crane, T. McClure, S. Crane. D. Overacker & A. Myer.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Misses Gertrude Crane, Dora Overacker, Alvena Meyer and Grace McClure.

The appointments for the next meeting are as follows. Miss Meyer, Paper.

Mrs Bunting, Poem.

Speaking by Miss Helen Clough.

Miss K. Hamm, Essay. [Mr Eastman.

Three songs by the committee, and reading by

The Club then adjourned to meet in two weeks at the residence of Mr Meyers.

Secretary.

25th Meeting.

The Gen. Lit. Club met at the house of Mr. Meyers Sept 7th 1878 with the president Mr. C. H. Shinn in the chair. The minutes being read and approved the following programme was then carried out. Vocal solo. Miss Grace McClure.

Essay. Miss Kittie Garmon.

Paper. Miss Alvena Meyer.

Instrumental solo. Miss Jennie McClure.

Reading. Prof. Eastman.

Chorus by the club.

The club then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing six months. Upon ballot Mr. W. L. Lynch was elected president. Miss S. Crane, vice president. Miss Alvena Meyer secretary and treasurer. After a short discussion on the question "What shall we do with our funds?" It was moved and carried that the "G. L. C." give a public entertainment and after give a private party to friends.

The club then adjourned to meet at the home of the Misses Crane Sept 10th 1878. for a special meeting.

Secretary.

The appointments for the following regular meeting were

Paper. Miss Gertrude Crane.
Reading. Miss Clara McKinstry.
Recitation. Miss Helen Clough.
Poem. Mrs J. A. Bunting.
Reading. Mr T. C. Hupley.
Music by the committee.

26th Meeting

On Tuesday evening Dec. 3rd the Cen. Lit. Club met at the house of Judge Crane's for a regular meeting; the first meeting after an interval of almost three months. Although the evening was pleasant but very few members were present; after a few moments of social chat the meeting was called to order by the president Mr Lynch. The minutes being read and approved, the following programme was then carried out. A pleasing vocal duett by Miss Jennie Otis and Mr Otis. Reading from "Whittier Works" entitled "The Slaves of Martinique" by Miss Clara McKinstry. The paper, edited and read by Miss Gertrude Crane. A declamations "Debora Lee" by Mr Harry Lynch. The programme was closed with a chorus by the club. Owing to Mrs Bunting and Mr Hawley's absence we were obliged to do without a poem and a select reading.

The programme for the next meeting is as follows;

Music by the committee.

Reading	Miss Overacker.
Essay	Miss M. Crane
Paper.	Miss Otis.
Poem.	Mrs J. H. Bunting.

A very agreeable and what we think will prove a benificial

additions to the usual programme was made by the president viz that of taking some well known writer and one person give the incidents of his life, another a criticisms of his works and another give a reading from his writings. For this evening the poet "Longfellow" was selected. Mr Oscar Lynch is to give incidents in the life of Longfellow Mr C. H. Blume a criticism of his works and Miss Meyer a reading from his writing. As so few members were present at the roped question "What shall we do with our funds"? was not discussed but was postponed until the next meeting. After some discussion it was finally moved and seconded that the club meet once in two weeks, the next meeting to be held at the house of Dr Allen's on Friday evening Dec 13th 1878. The meeting then adjourned. The following visitors were present.

Mr and Mrs Clough.
Miss Helen Clough.
Mr Will Wamsley.

Secretary

Dec 27th to Meeting of the C. L. C.

The Cen. Literary Club met according to agreement at the house of Mr Myers, Saturday evening Nov 1879. As the evening was agreeable quite a number of members were present.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lynch and after the minutes were read and approved the following programme was well rendered.

Chorus by the Club.
Declamation by Mr K. W. Lynch.
Instrumental duett by Misses Crane
Essay, C. W. Quinn.
Vocal solo. Miss Dora Overacker.
Reading by Miss Mattie Crane.
Reading of "The Echo" by Gertrude Crane
Closing chorus by the Club.

The club then proceeded to business; after a great deal of discussion for and against it was finally moved, seconded and carried that the Club give a Literary & Dramatic entertainment the first week in Jan 1880. Also that the regular meetings be postponed, and the payment

of dues be suspended, until some time in the spring, when the weather would permit us to have larger gatherings, than have been present at our preceding meetings when the evenings were damp.

By motion the ~~Club~~ meeting then adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday evening at Judge Orne's to make arrangements for the proposed entertainment.

Secretary.

The 26th Meeting.

The Literary Club met according to agreement Friday evening March 26th, at the house of Judge Crane. The meeting was well attended almost all of our old, and faithful members being present, and quite a number of visitors.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. J. Lynch. After being called to order the minutes read and approved, the following programme was carried out. Vocal Quartette by Misses Overacker, Crane, Myers and Mr. Lynch. Essay, Miss Gertrude Crane, Instrumental duett, Misses Crane. Original poem Miss Mattie Crane, Vocal solo "Waiting", Miss Dora Overacker. Reading of the "Echo" Miss A. Myers.

The Club then proceeded to nominate officers for the ensuing six months. The nominations were as follows; for Pres. Mr. E. J. Lynch, Vice pres. Miss Gertrude Crane and Miss Emma Cearly. Treas. and Sec. Miss D. Overacker & Miss S. Farley. It was moved that the society meet once a month on Sat. Evening, and that the dues be

paid every month. carried. The business being all satisfactorily disposed of, the meeting was then adjourned to meet Saturday evening Apr 17th, at the house of Mr Myers.

After adjournment the secretary passed the book around to the visitors and invited them to sign their names and become members of the club. Six gentlemen accepted the invitation, and will in the future assist the society in all its undertakings for the public welfare.

Secretary.

List of members of the C. L. C. after its reorganization March 26th 1880.

Gentlemen.

	Apr.	May	June
W. F. Lynch.			
C. H. Shinn			
H. W. Lynch			
R. M. Fisher.			
E. J. Lynch.			
J. Shinn.			
D. M. Conner.			
C. Woodhams.			
J. A. Shepard.			
G. C. Ralph.			
H. G. Newell.			
P. C. Huxley.			
J. L. Beard.			
C. H. Allen.			
Ed. Hawley.			

List of members of the C. S. C. when reorganized on Friday evening March 26th 1880.

Ladies.

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
Miss Martie Crane.							
Miss Gertrude Crane.							
Miss Alvena Myers.							
Miss Dora Everacker							
Miss Mollie Myer.							
Miss Anna Palen.							
Miss Lou Cearly.							
Miss Emma Cearly.							
Miss Gussie Farley.							
Miss Lizzie Hawley.							
Miss Fannie McClure.							
Miss Grace McClure.							
Miss Kittie Harman.							
Miss Sophie Harmon.							
Miss Grace Winton							

Expenses of the C. S. C.
March 21st. Paper, postal cards, ect. $ c 35

Expenses of the "Literary and Dramatic Entertainment" given by the "C. L. C." on the 2nd of January 1880.

For the Hall	$5.00.
" " piano	3.00.
Store bill at "Beck's"	1.75
Lumber	50.
Powder	.40
Printing	7.50
Damage to chair	.35
Lamp chimneys, ect, ect,	1.15
	$21.65

Received for tickets	$50.00
Expenses	21.65
Net proceeds	$28.35
Given to Mr W. P. B. Lynch	20.00
	$8.35

The receipts of the "Literary and Dramatic Entertainment" given by the C. C. were

	$90.75
Expenses	60.60
Cash on hand Nov 23rd '78.	$30.15
Dec 28th. Ours was taken for a gift	$20.
Cash on hand Dec 28th	$30.15

Expenses of the Social Party given by the C. L. C.

Apr	3rd.	Cleaning the hall	$ .50
"	"	Coffee	.75
"	"	Lamp Chimneys	.60
"	4th	Making of coffee	1.00
"	"	Music	20.00
"	"	Rent for hall	6.40
"	5th	Washing dishes	.50
"	"	Stamps	
"	"	Printing	5.75
"	"	Coal Oil ect	1.45

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Nov 13.	For	19½	Tickets	from Mrs J. A. Bunting	$9.75
" "	"	2½	"	" Mr C. H. Shinn.	1.25
" "	"	8	"	" Miss A. Meyer	4.00
" 14.	"	1	Ticket	" Mrs J. A. Bunting	.50
" 16	"	5	Tickets	" Miss D. Coveracker	2.50
" 16				" Mr Shinn	60.25
" 17	"	4	Tickets	" Miss Gussie Farley	2.00
" 20	"	21	"	" Mr C. H. Shinn	10.50
				Total	$90.75

The receipts of the "Literary and Dramatic Entertainment" given by the "C. L. C." are $90.75

Expenses 40.30

Cash on hand Nov 23rd 1878 $50.45

50.45

Dec 28th there were taken out of the treasury twenty dollars ($20) for a present, leaving in all

Dec 28th for a gift $20

The expenses of the "Literary and Dramatic Entertainment" given by the "Centreville Literary Club", were as follows;

"C. L. C." Dr.

Nov	11.	One paper of needles.	~~$.25~~
"	11.	Five and one half yds of cambric	50
"	12	Five XX yards of cambric & 1 bunch of cord.	60
"	12	4 yds of cambric	35
"	"	One paper of tacks	10
"	13.	Cambric & Silk-paper	4.20
"	"	Expressage	35
"	"	Cambric	35
"	"	3 yds of Tarletan @ 30 per yd	90
"	14.	Printing.	8.50
"	14	Hire for wigs.	5.00
"	14	Carriage hire	5.00
"	11	Cambric.	30.
"	14	Books &c	3.00.
"	"	Costumes &c	5.00
"	15	Hire for Hall	5.00
		Total	~~$39.15~~
			1.15
			40.30
			30
			~~$40.00~~

Papers

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Dues

	N.	D.	C.	N.	D.	J.	F.	M.	A.	M.	J.	J.	A.
1. Mrs W. A Yates.	25	10	10										
2. Mabel Kerr.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				
3. Mrs. C. H. Allen.	25												
4. Delia Hilton.	25	10	10										
5. Emma K. Hilton.	25	10	10										
6. Nettie Crane.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
7. Louise Cearley.	25												
8. Marcia Crane.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
9. Emma Cearley.	25												
10. Dora Barracker.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
11. Fannie McClure.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
12. Nonie Myers.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
13. Lizzie Farley.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10						
14. Grace McClure.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
15. Sophia Harmon.	25												
16. Flora Barracker.	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
17. Kittie Harmon.	25												
18. Grace Waddoms.	25												
19 Lizzie Crawley					C. 25								
20. Mary Brown.								C. 25	10	10	10	10	10
21. Clara McKinstry.													
22. Jennie M. Otis.													

Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. 1879	Jan.	Feb.
			X	X	X
			X	X	X
			X	X	X

Dues,

		1887. A.	S.	O.	N.	D.	1888. J.	F.	M.	A.	M.	J.	J.	A.	S.
1	C. W. Risin.	25													
2	C. J. Lynch.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
3	W. F. B. Lynch	25													
4	C. H. Shinn.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25					
5	C. H. Allen.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
6	Harry Lynch.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25			
7	Frank Risin.	25	25	25											
8	W. Munn.	25	25	25											
9	W. A. Yates.	25	25	25											
10	Cyrus H. Allen.	25													
11	John L. Beard.	25	25	25											
12	John Bunting.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25			
13	E. Hawley.			25											
14	C. F. Cooper.			25											
15	P. A. Jiggens.			25											
16	W. F. B. Laumeister					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
17	W. F. Lynch.	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25			
18	D. C. Hawley.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25
19	C. M. Otis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	I. L. Shinn	Paid 25													
	H. G. Newell	25													

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O.	N.	D.	F.	Th.	Mar	Apr	Mai	Juni	Juli	Aug	Sept
		X	X	X							
24.	25.	X	X	X							
		X	X	X							
		X	X	X							

C. H. Woodhams 25 c
J. A. Shepard 25 c
G. C. Ralph 25 c
P. M. Fisher 25 c
S. M. Cossman 25 c

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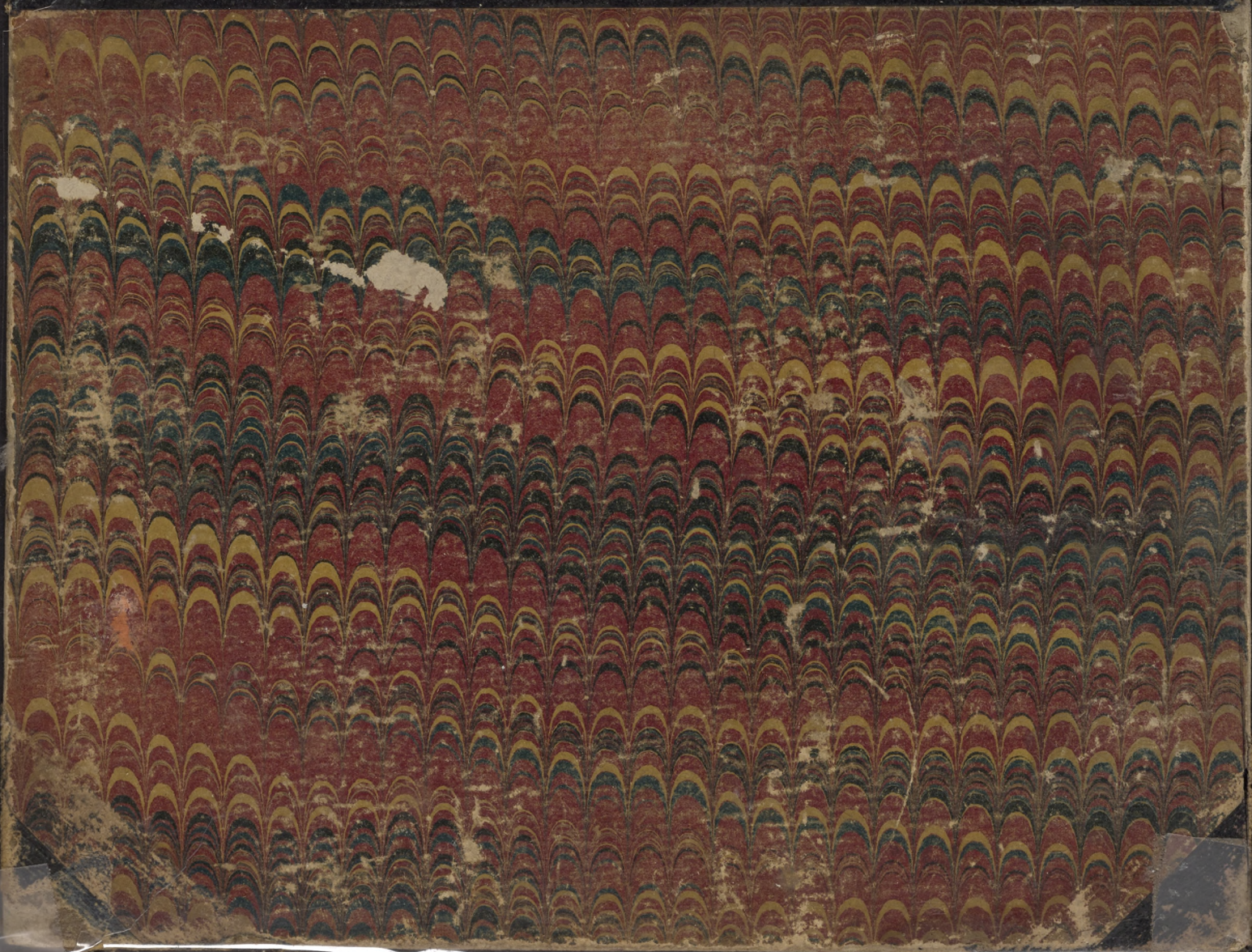
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